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Assistant Director for Operations

7 December 1953

Acting Chief, FBID

Progress Report for November 1953

ADMINISTRATION

1. Work progressed satisfactorily on the new Santa Rosa station. The main operations building is 40 per cent complete, antenna construction 95 per cent complete, and miscellaneous site work 50 per cent complete.

2. The Okinawa Bureau has taken possession of the Club-Shelter-BOQ building, which is finished with the exception of minor items and is now being furnished and prepared for occupancy. Heavy rains on Okinawa have necessitated erosion control work in the new housing area. Construction of several concrete walks, seeding of grass areas, and hauling of top soil at a total cost of \$2,340 from budgeted funds was authorized.

3. A contract for the supply of electrical power was negotiated between the Mediterranean Bureau and the Cyprus Central Electrification Authority. Cost is estimated at \$7,800 per year, which is considerably lower than the overall cost to the Bureau of generating its own electricity. Island power facilities are scheduled to reach the bureau area in Cyprus in July 1954.

4. Arrangements were completed with U. S. Embassy, Tokyo, for removal of the Tokyo Bureau to new space in the Embassy Annex [redacted] building on or about 10 December 1953. Rental charges are estimated at less than half the cost of present quarters. No significant change in technical monitoring capacity will result.

5. Tokyo Bureau was authorized to discontinue foreign national dollar salary payments in conformity with Far East Command practice. All foreign national and native payments will be made in yen effective 1 January 1954. At the same time the Hokkaido Bureau will discontinue dollar payments to foreign national employees and convert its own scale to yen.

6. A method was devised to enable field bureaus to keep an accounting of funds which will serve as guidance in planning expenditures and as a basis for uniform monthly reporting to headquarters, FBIS. This system will additionally serve as a basis for future budget estimates. A representative of the FBID administrative staff will visit overseas bureaus to initiate the system.

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7. An FBIS records management survey in FBIS headquarters under the auspices of the General Services Office is in progress. This work is being conducted by a representative of Records Management Branch, Records Services Division.

8. Two Intelligence Officer positions, GS-12 and GS-11, were deleted from the Okinawa Bureau T/O following discontinuance of the China CPW report. (See paragraph 13 of this memorandum.)

9. During November two persons entered on duty in FBID and five were terminated. The on duty figure at the end of the month was [redacted] Fifteen applicants are in process.

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10. [redacted] former Administrative Officer, FBID, assumed the position of Chief, Hokkaido Bureau on 29 November 1953.

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11. Detailed recommendations concerning classification and control of FBIS publications in accordance with the provisions of the President's executive order on safeguarding official information were submitted to the Assistant Director for Operations.

12. The Director of Central Intelligence visited all sections of headquarters, FBID, on 12 November 1953.

OPERATIONS

13. The China Counter Psychological Warfare reports prepared at the Okinawa Bureau were discontinued effective 1 December 1953, because of their doubtful value to principal consumers. FBID was advised that primarily because of PP Staff's own circumstances in the field it was not possible to establish a workable system of lateral dissemination which would have rendered these reports more valuable.

14. A request was received from RCM/OIS for FBIS teletype "B" wire service to the National Committee for Free Europe in New York. Recommendation was submitted to the AD/O that such service be authorized to the NCFE, as a non-profit organization engaged in foreign broadcasting, under adequate security and copyright safeguards.

15. The FDD representative transferred to FBID to organize and operate the German Bureau's press clipping and analysis service in support of German Mission requirements arrived in Frankfurt.

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16. The FBID representative selected for assignment to the Saigon Bureau to conduct propaganda analysis in support of PP requirements in that area is undergoing training in preparation for this assignment. Training to date has included a three-week course under PP auspices, which will be followed by further instruction in the Editorial and Radio Propaganda Branches of FBID.



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18. Arrangements were made for FBIS wire service to the President's delegation at the Bermuda Conference.

19. The BBC advised that its project in Stockholm for monitoring of the Baltic area radios would be set up in early December. The project is subject to British review after four months operation, at which time an evaluation of the material secured in the light of costs involved is to be made.

20. [redacted] of the BBC Monitoring Service continued his liaison visit to FBIS bureaus, with an unofficial stop at Saigon.

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21. With the concurrence of the BBC, the Mediterranean Bureau file of monitored material is permitted to exceed the thirty thousand word daily average limitation previously applied. The bureau is now producing a file of significant material considerably in excess of this figure.

22. Army signal authorities are reviewing the ability of the Pentagon Signal Center to implement an FBID request for an additional circuit between Quarters I and the Pentagon. This would eliminate an occasional source of traffic delay through use of the existing FBID outgoing channel for clearing backlogs of incoming traffic.

23. FBID has adopted a policy that any intercepted television program will be considered as radio broadcast information and treated as a regular radio intercept. Such interception is highly unlikely in the near future, but it is deemed advisable to be prepared for such occurrence.

24. The FBID representative on the Permanent Guidance Committee concerning the NSC actions establishing a Foreign Radio

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Frequency Register participated in the first formal meeting of the committee which approved the OCD plan for implementing the NSC assignment.

25. The Office of American Republic Affairs, Department of State, protested recent reductions in coverage in the Latin American Daily Report. This is another in a series of requests received from State Department consumers on this matter. The Latin American Daily has been materially increased following its initial curtailment in September 1953. The present book averages twelve pages.

26. The Chief, South Asia Branch, Office of Current Intelligence, expressed appreciation for the service performed by the FBID wire, Daily Report, and telephone advice on spot news. The texts of official releases, speeches, laws, and decrees were stated to be invaluable to the SE Asia Branch of OCI and in many instances the material furnished by FBID enabled the issuance of OCI reports 24 to 48 hours ahead of any other U. S. Government reporting agency.

27. The Radio Propaganda Branch initiated the practice of supplying guidance to field bureaus by weekly classified messages, pointing out problems to which its analysis operations are currently addressed.

28. Members of the East Europe staff of ONE were oriented in Division and Radio Propaganda Branch operations. Papers were submitted to ONE on indications for the future of East Germany and on the hardening of the Soviet attitude toward the West during the past four months. The Radio Propaganda Branch was particularly requested to contribute to an estimate of the effects of increased Soviet capabilities in nuclear weapons.

29. Soviet broadcasts to and about Latin America for the past six months were reviewed by Radio Propaganda Branch at urgent OCI request.

30. OCB requested and was supplied raw data on BW and anti-religious material in Communist broadcasts.

31. Radio Propaganda Reports issued during the month included a second study of Radio Volga broadcasts to Soviet troops; spot reports on Voroshilov's October Revolution speech and on a Soviet admission of iron shortages; a survey of complaints about Soviet road transport; and an analysis of the revived Orbit doctrine of the "worker-peasant alliance."

3 Enclosures

Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production
Local Services by Field Bureaus
Monthly Personnel Report

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1 - Admin
Files

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II. LOCAL SERVICES RENDERED BY FIELD BUREAUS

East Coast Bureau

Daily distribution of the epidemiological bulletin of the World Health Organization is made to OSI and FEAF, Tokyo.

West Coast Bureau

All Peking morse and processed voice material, Soviet Regional material and other press items dealing with Burma, Malaya and Indochina are filed to FEC and FEAF. All PANASIA and press items dealing with U.S. or Asiatic Air Forces are filed to FEAF. All Peking NCNA morse material is sent to Ryukyus Command. Selected Peking NCNA material is sent to the 5th Air Force.

Tokyo Bureau

All processed intercepts are sent to staff sections of FEC. Far East Air Force receives material monitored from Radio Free Japan, Peking in Korean and Japanese, Pyongyang in Japanese and Moscow in Japanese, Korean and Mandarin. Fifth Air Force in Korea receives Pyongyang material in Japanese. Peking material in Korean and Pyongyang material in Japanese is filed to the Eighth Army and USIS, Korea. USIS, Formosa receives Peking and Chungking material in Tibetan. Selected material including Kyodo and Jiji releases and Radio Free Japan intercepts are furnished Civil Information and Education Section, U.S. Civil Administration, Ryukyus. All items monitored in Japanese are furnished the American Embassy, Tokyo.

Hokkaido Bureau

All processed intercepts are furnished Headquarters, FEC and FEAF in Tokyo, and G-2 1st Cavalry Division, Camp Crawford. Weather reports from USSR regional coverage are furnished Field Research Unit, FEC. All summaries of monitored Siberian regional and Outer Mongolian programs in Russian are supplied to G-2 1st Cavalry Division, Camp Crawford. All summaries of Ulan Bator Russian broadcasts are furnished Documents Research Section, FEC.

Okinawa Bureau

All processed intercepts are filed to Tokyo for FEC staff sections. All processed items from Chinese Communist stations and Pyongyang POW broadcast material are transmitted to the Intelligence Section, FEAF. All Korean material is filed to the U.S. Embassy, Seoul. Selected items from Chinese Communist broadcasts are sent to USIS, Taipei. A limited selection of items from Pyongyang is filed to the Intelligence Sections of the Eighth Army and the 5th Air Force. Fifth Air Force also receives political-military material processed from Peking broadcasts. Logs of Vietnam News Agency (Ho Government) and GMH (unidentified Communist station) items and texted material from Chinese Home and Regional Service broadcasts and Chinese Numeral Code transmissions are

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sent to FBIS, Saigon, for local dissemination. Selected Pyongyang, Peking, Vietnam, Moscow, Indonesian, Thai, and Mongolian material is transmitted to G-2 Ryukyus Command. UN programs beamed to Korea and China are reported once a month to FEC and FEAF, Tokyo. All processed material from Siberian stations is transmitted to FEC staff sections in Tokyo.

Saigon Bureau

All processed material is filed to FEC, Tokyo and furnished the American Embassy, USIS and Army Attache in Saigon. Selected material is furnished the Foreign Operations Administration Information Division, the Military Assistance Advisory Group and the Director General of Documentation of the French High Commission in Saigon.

Mediterranean Bureau

Soviet Kurdish-language intercepts are airmailed to the American Embassies in Baghdad and Teheran. Summaries of Soviet Kurdish-language broadcasts and processed Arabic material from Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and Syria are sent to the American Embassy, Baghdad. Selected Balkan material is airmailed to the American Embassy, Athens. Processed items relating to Cyprus are sent to the Colonial Secretary and the Defense Security Officer, both in Nicosia. Processed material relating to Iran is sent to the Defense Security Officer, Nicosia.

Austrian Bureau

All processed material is filed to the Public Information Division, Headquarters, USFA, Salzburg, and the Public Affairs Division, USCOA, Salzburg. The Daily Austrian Press Review is supplied to the Political Division, U.S. Embassy, Vienna, and the monthly Economic Report to the Reports and Statistical Branch, U.S. Special Mission for Economic Cooperation, Vienna.

German Bureau

All processed material is filed to HICOG in Bonn-Mehlem and Frankfurt, to the 7997th Composite Group, Frankfurt Military Post. Radio Volga broadcasts are relayed to the Munich studios of the Voice of America.

London Bureau

Daily reviews of USSR, Satellite and East German broadcasts are delivered to local users in London and sent to consumers in Western Europe by wire: including G-2 EUCOM; G-2 Frankfurt; SHAPE, 50X1 Paris; RIAS, Berlin (USSR and Satellite reviews only); and VOA, Munich. A 33,000-word selection from Soviet and Satellite broadcasts monitored at London and the Mediterranean Bureau is transmitted daily by wire from London to Munich studios of the Voice of America and to the German Bureau for transmittal to the 7997th Composite Group, Frankfurt Military Post and other local consumers.

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	East Coast Bureau	22 November 1953 ^{50X1}
	German Bureau	2 November 1953

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-3 East Coast Bureau	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 East Coast Bureau	8 November 1953 ^{50X1}
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Editorial Branch	22 November 1953

4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Fgn Brdcast Monitor, GS-10 East Coast Bureau	Chief Monitor, GS-11 Okinawa Bureau	23 November 1953 ^{50X1}
	Cruising Monitor, GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	Cruising Monitor, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	21 September 1953
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Okinawa Bureau	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Tokyo Bureau	1 November 1953
	Elec Eng(Radio), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	Elec Eng(Radio), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	2 November 1953

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Reassignments (Cont'd)

Name

Old Title, Grade
Assignment

New Title, Grade
Assignment

Date

Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9
Tokyo Bureau

Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9
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Elec Eng(Radio), GS-11
Mediterranean Bureau

Elec Eng(Radio), GS-11
East Coast Bureau

2 November 1953

5. Resignations

Name

Title, Grade,
Assignment

Date

Info Spec(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9
Editorial Branch

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English Monitor, GS-7
West Coast Bureau

13 November 1953

Brdcast Info Spec, GS-5
Liaison & Reference Staff

30 November 1953

Mail & File Clerk, GS-5
Administrative Staff

27 November 1953

Mono-Monitor, GS-3
West Coast Bureau

23 November 1953

6. OO Career Service Program

a. Training Activities

Private Tutoring in French
4 June 1953 - 1 January 1954

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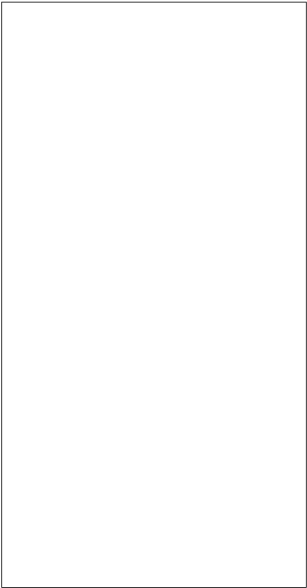
Elementary Spoken French
21 September 1953 - 8 January 1954

Internal

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00 Career Service Program - Training Activities (Cont'd)



Self-Study Program (Russian)	Internal
Chinese (Mandarin)	Internal
6 July 1953 - 15 February 1954	
Elementary Spoken German	Internal
28 September 1953 - 8 January 1954	
The Russian Institute - Columbia University	External
September 1953 - June 1954	
Electronics - Don Martin School of Radio and Electronics	External
Hollywood, California	
15 July 1953 - 15 January 1954	
Private Tutoring in Russian	External
1 January 1953 - 31 December 1953	
Elementary Conversational Japanese	Internal
12 November 1953 - May 1954	

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